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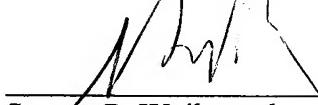
Favorable reconsideration of the present application, as now amended, is respectfully requested.

Original patent Claims 1-21 stand allowed without amendment. Added Claims 22-25 of the present application were cancelled on February 10, 2006 and instead introduced in Divisional application 11/350,744. The Official Communication dated April 7, 2009 in said Divisional application indicated that Claims 23-28 of the Divisional application were allowed, and instructed that the claims of both applications be merged in one of the applications and that the other application be expressly abandoned. Newly added Claims 26-31 of the present amendment therefore respectively correspond to the allowed Claims 23-28 of the Divisional application, which is being expressly abandoned.

The present application is therefore believed to be in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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